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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Operations Branch, DFD

SUBJECT : Declassification of Certain Tracker Film Prints

1. Dr. William K. Widger, Chief of the Air Research and Development Command's Satellite Meteorology Program, has asked me to expedite his request for declassification action on certain tracker film prints which he holds. His original request for this action was made during February 1959. The prints were released to Dr. Widger, who is CHALICE cleared, for use in simulating the TV pictures to be obtained by Project TIRAGE. He is most anxious to have other members of his staff work with them, but the prints must first be downgraded to Secret or lower.

2. Attached is an inventory listing the subject prints by mission number and date. The mission numbers indicate that all but one of the missions (AM 56-57, 17 Aug 1956) were weather flights. Operation Policy Letter #16, dated 22 May 1956, which was in effect during the period involved, states that cover flights (weather missions) will not exceed 4 1/2 hours duration and will not exceed 55,000 feet maximum altitude. Records of these missions are no longer available but it is unlikely that the specified limits were exceeded.

3. In view of the above considerations I believe the subject prints, with the exception of those obtained on mission #AM 56-57, 17 Aug 1956, can be declassified. Your assistance in obtaining this action is requested.


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	Date			Series
AW 56-27	6-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-27	6-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-35	1-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-35	1-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-28	15-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-28	15-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-33	5-9-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-33	5-9-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-58	17-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-58	17-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-38	13-9-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-38	13-9-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-39	13-9-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-39	13-9-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AM 56-57	17-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AM 56-57	17-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
BW 56-29	16-8-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
BW 56-29	16-8-56	2 of 2	Even	"
AW 56-34	6-9-56	1 of 2	Odd	"
AW 56-34	6-9-56	2 of 2	Even	"